

CLAIMS

Now, therefore, the following is claimed:

- 1 1. A computer system, comprising:
2 memory; and
3 a security application configured to display a list of security rules for locking
4 down resources of said computer system, said security application configured to enable
5 a set of said security rules, based on inputs from a user, and to cause said computer
6 system to enforce said enabled set of security rules by modifying a machine state of
7 said computer system, said security application further configured to enable said user
8 to select one of said security rules and to display information describing said selected
9 rule in response to a selection of said one rule by said user, said information based on
10 data stored in said memory.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein said security application is configured to
2 display said information immediately in response to said selection.
- 1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein said security application is configured to
2 display said list within a window, said window including a plurality of selectable icons,
3 said security application further configured to display different sets of information
4 describing said selected rule in response to selections of different ones of said icons.

1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein said security application is configured to
2 display a main window, said security application further configured to display rules of
3 said list in a first sub-window of said main window and to display said information
4 describing said selected rule in a second sub-window of said main window

1 5. The system of claim 4, wherein said security application is configured to
2 categorize said list of rules, said security application further configured to display
3 categories of said rules in a third sub-window of said main window.

1 6. The system of claim 5, wherein said security application is configured to
2 enable said user to select one of said categories and is configured to display, in said
3 first sub-window, rules of said list that are associated with one of said categories
4 presently selected by said user.

1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein said main window includes a plurality of
2 selectable icons, said security application further configured to display in said second
3 sub-window different sets of information describing said selected rule in response to
4 selections of different ones of said icons.

1 8. A computer system, comprising:
 2 means for displaying a list of security rules for locking down resources of said
 3 computer system;
 4 means for receiving inputs from a user of said computer system;
 5 means for enabling a set of said security rules based on said inputs from said
 6 user;
 7 means for enforcing said enabled set of security rules;
 8 means for selecting one of said security rules from said displayed list; and
 9 means for displaying information describing said selected rule in response to a
 10 selection of said one rule by said selecting means.

1 9. A method for locking down resources of computer systems, comprising
 2 the steps of:
 3 displaying a list of security rules for locking down resources of a computer
 4 system;
 5 receiving inputs from a user of said computer system;
 6 enabling a set of said security rules based on said inputs from said user;
 7 enforcing said enabled set of security rules;
 8 selecting one of said security rules from said displayed list; and
 9 displaying information describing said selected rule in response to said selecting
 10 step.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying said information step is
 2 performed immediately in response to said selecting step.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying said information step
2 further includes the step of displaying said information within a window, said window
3 having selectable icons, said method further comprising the steps of:
4 selecting one of said icons; and
5 displaying other information describing said selected rule in response to said
6 selecting one of said icons step.

1 12. The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying steps further comprise
2 the steps of:
3 displaying a main window;
4 displaying rules of said list in a first sub-window of said main window; and
5 displaying said information describing said selected rule in a second sub-
6 window of said main window.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
2 categorizing said list of rules; and
3 displaying categories of said rules in a third sub-window of said main window.

1 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of:
2 selecting one of said categories,
3 wherein said displaying a list of security rules step includes the step of
4 displaying, in said first sub-window and in response to said selecting one of said
5 categories step, rules of said list that are associated with said one category.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said displaying said main window step
 2 includes the step of displaying a plurality of selectable icons, and wherein said method
 3 further comprises the steps of:
 4 selecting one of said icons; and
 5 displaying, in said second sub-window, other information describing said
 6 selected rule in response to said selecting one of said icons step.